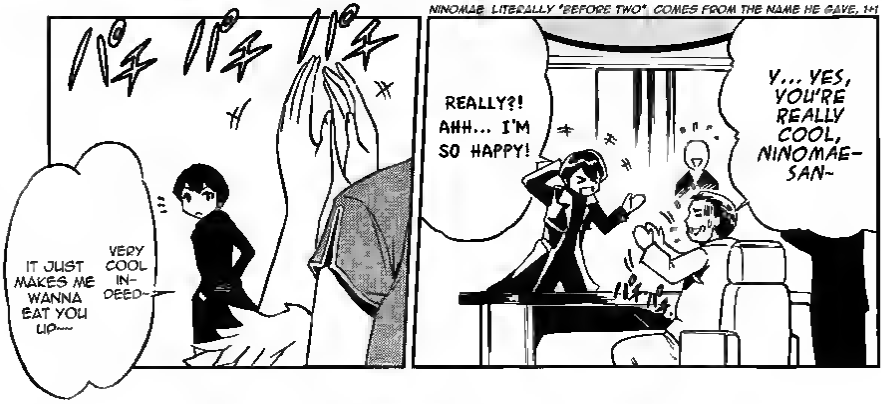
NINOMAE. LITERALLY "BEFORE TWO". COMES FROM THE NAME HE GAVE, 1-1



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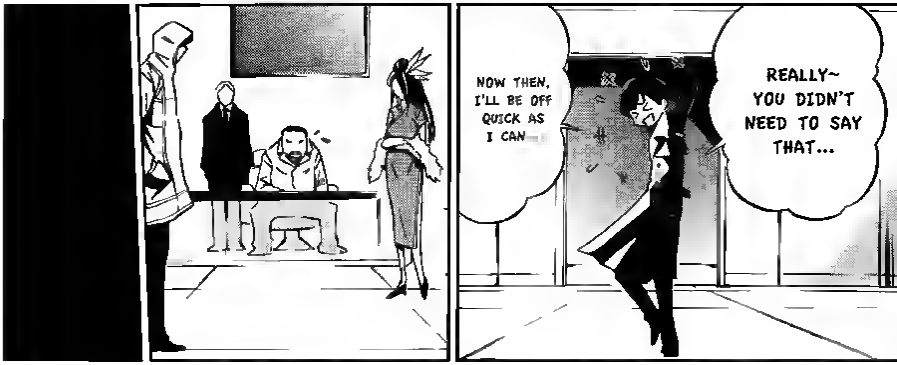
I'M A SPEC USER JUST LIKE YOU
MS. YANG
OHH, SO YOU CAME TOO
MS. YANG?
I'M ICHI-JUUICHI, NICE TO MEET YOU
Woah
So big

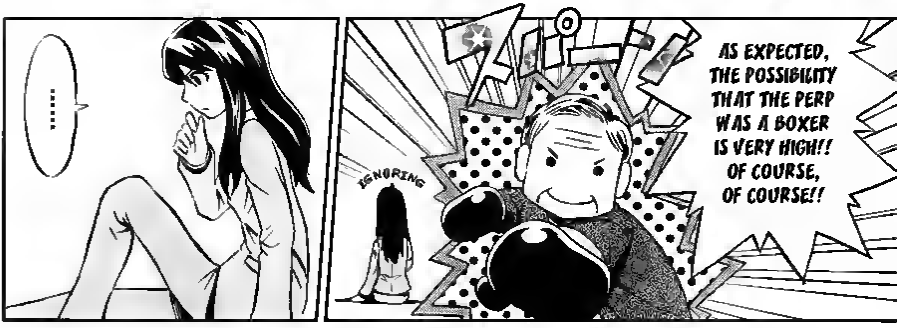
I AM IN AWE OF YOU
YOU ARE THE FUTURE KING, A GREAT FIGURE


NOW THEN, I'LL BE OFF QUICK AS I CAN—
REALLY~ YOU DIDN'T NEED TO SAY THAT...

ON THE MORNING OF THE FIRST VICTIM'S MURDER, THE VICTIM, 38 YEARS OLD,
Touma, you can still do the imitations without the facial expressions can't you?
WAS FOUND IN THIS STATE BY A PASSING TRAMP

WHY THE PARK, OF ALL PLACES...?
BUT CONSIDERING HIS JOURNEY BACK TO HIS APARTMENT FROM THE STATION,

OOHH!!


IGNORING
AS EXPECTED, THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE PERP WAS A BOXER IS VERY HIGH!! OF COURSE, OF COURSE!!

THE SCENE OF THE THIRD VICTIM'S MURDER
WAS A FREQUENTLY USED PUBLIC WASHROOM LOCATED WITHIN A HIGH-CLASS DEPARTMENT STORE
TOUMA... THIS IS... A WASHROOM
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sports
HMM

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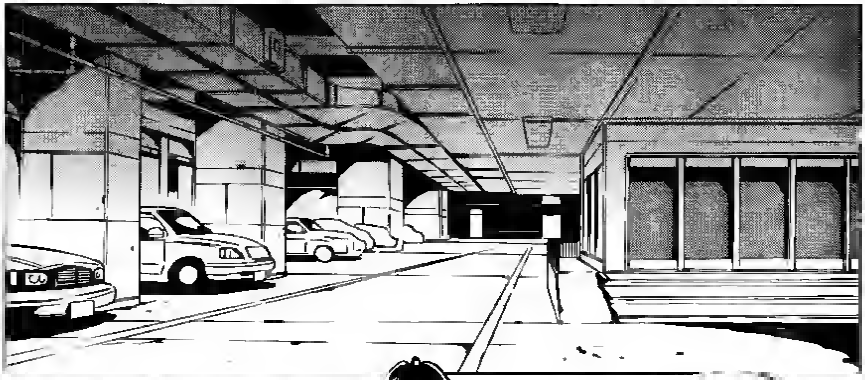
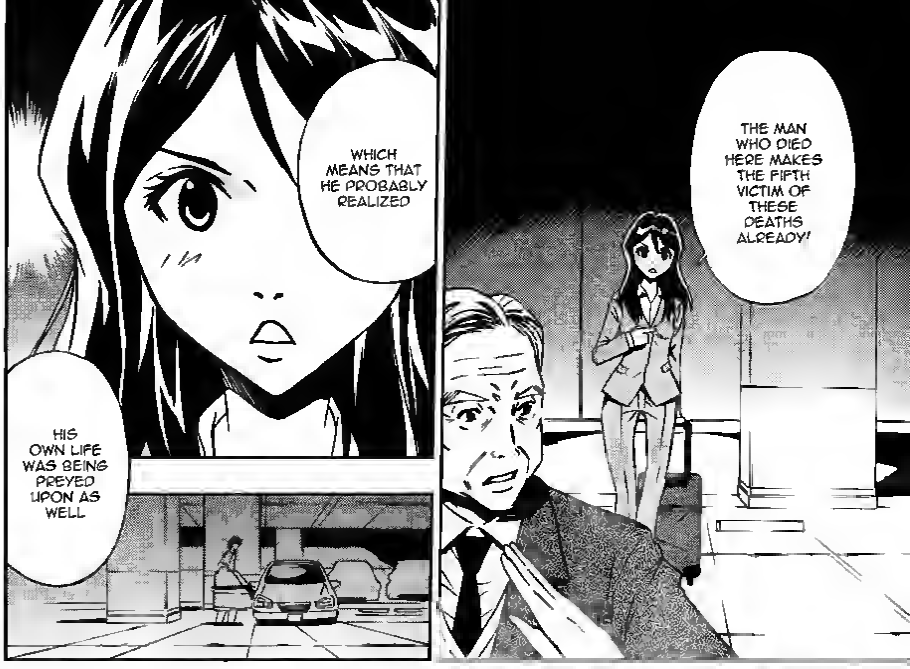
RIGHT HERE'S PROOF THAT THE PERP WAS A BOXER~~
ボクサー生徒募集！！



A COMMON MEETING PLACE FOR WORKERS
THE FIFTH VICTIM WAS KILLED AT A RESTAURANT CARPARK

AH, WELL, THE BOXER COULD'VE FREQUENTED THIS RESTAURANT, I GUESS
WHAT, YOU'RE NOT GONNA POSE NOW?
YEAH
YEAH
THAT'S WHAT I MEANT
YEAH, OR MAYBE HE WAS AN EX-BOXER
BUT


WHICH MEANS THAT HE PROBABLY REALIZED
HIS OWN LIFE WAS BEING PREYED UPON AS WELL
THE MAN WHO DIED HERE MAKES THE FIFTH VICTIM OF THESE DEATHS ALREADY!

BUT IF THAT'S SO
HE WOULD'VE TRIED TO RUN IF HE SAW THE "BOXER", WOULDN'T HE!
YEAH, THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I MEANT!
I PUT ON A SCARED-LOOKING EXPRESSION SO THAT YOU WOULD GET WHAT I MEANT

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THEN, THE PERP WOULD'VE DONE THIS
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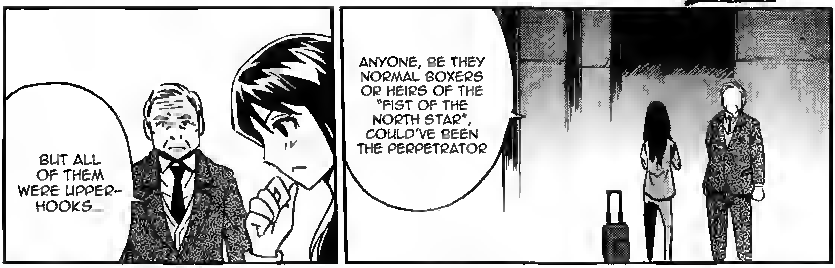
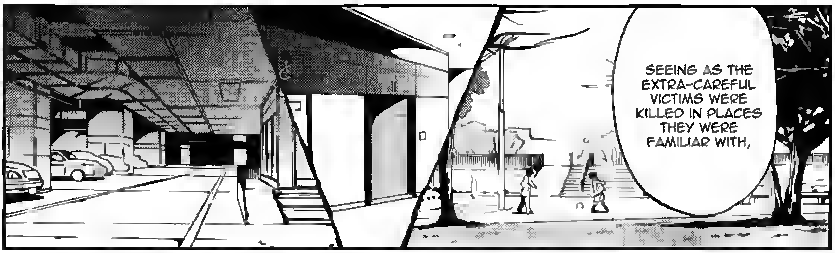
OF COURSE THAT'S TO BE EXPECTED!
HE WAS KILLED BY A CLUTCHING OF THE HEART FROM THE FRONT
BUT JUDGING FROM WHAT WE SAW ON THE AUTOPSY
YOU WOULD EXPECT HIM TO CHASE AFTER HIM AND ATTACK FROM THE BACK
YEAH, I KNOW THAT MUCH
AND ATTACKED HIM ONCE HE TURNED AROUND
BUT IT COULD BE THAT HE SNEAKED UP ON THE VICTIM WHEN HE WASN'T LOOKING
Is is that so
Hm
HM
HM


BUT ALL OF THEM WERE UPPER-HOOKS...
ANYONE, BE THEY NORMAL BOXERS OR HEIRS OF THE "FIST OF THE NORTH STAR", COULD'VE BEEN THE PERPETRATOR


SEEING AS THE EXTRA-CAREFUL VICTIMS WERE KILLED IN PLACES THEY WERE FAMILIAR WITH,

THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY THEY COULD'VE BEEN APPROACHED AND MURDERED SO EASILY.

YOU KNOW, TOUMA
SAYING THEY WERE "ALL DONE IN BY UPPER-HOOKS"
ISN'T GONNA FIT WELL IN OUR REPORT TO THE HIGHER-UPS
UGH!!
TOSHIHIKO TAHARA. JAPANESE SINGER KNOWN FOR SAYING "AM I HUNGRY? NO NO, I'M ANGRY!" IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION HE MISHEARD
I'M HUNGRY
I'm hungry, Toshihiko Tahara. I'm hungry
ARE YOU ALRIGHT, TOUMA? YOU OKAY?
Why are all the subordinates I get always like this
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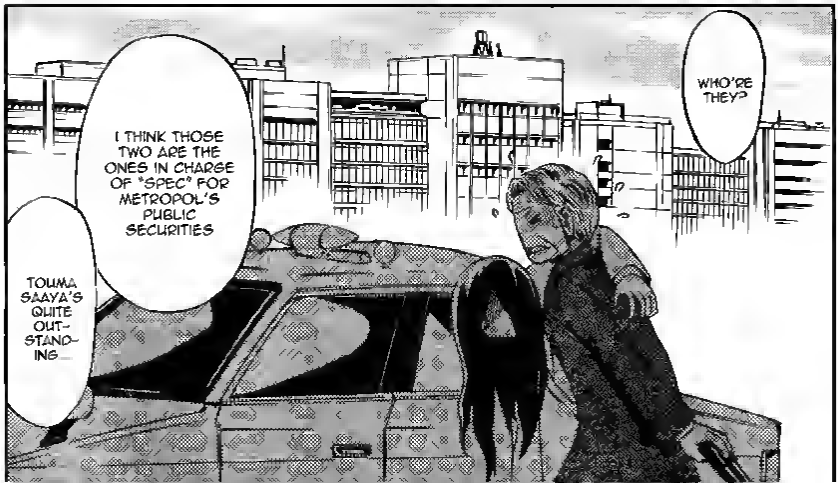
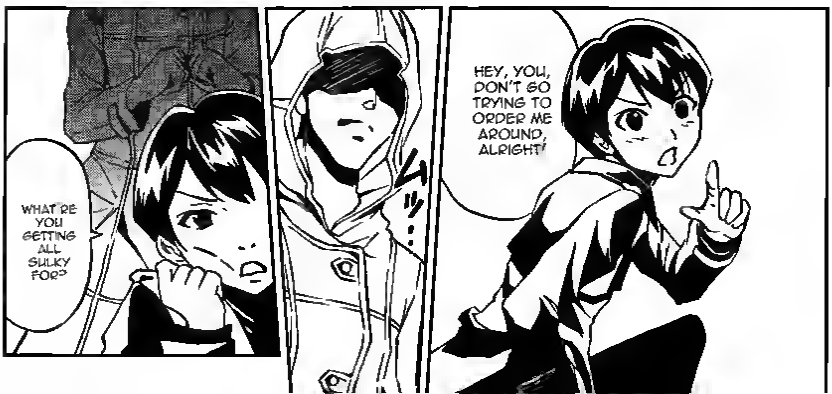

WHO'RE THEY?
I THINK THOSE TWO ARE THE ONES IN CHARGE OF "SPEC" FOR METROPOL'S PUBLIC SECURITIES
TOUMA SAAYA'S QUITE OUT-STAND-ING

AT LEAST, IN TERMS OF "NORMAL PEOPLE", THAT IS!


HEY, YOU, DON'T GO TRYING TO ORDER ME AROUND, ALRIGHT!
ムッ!
WHAT'RE YOU GETTING ALL SULKY FOR?

DO YOU REALLY NOT REMEMBER THAT WOMAN, NINOMAE?
CHANGE
LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON...

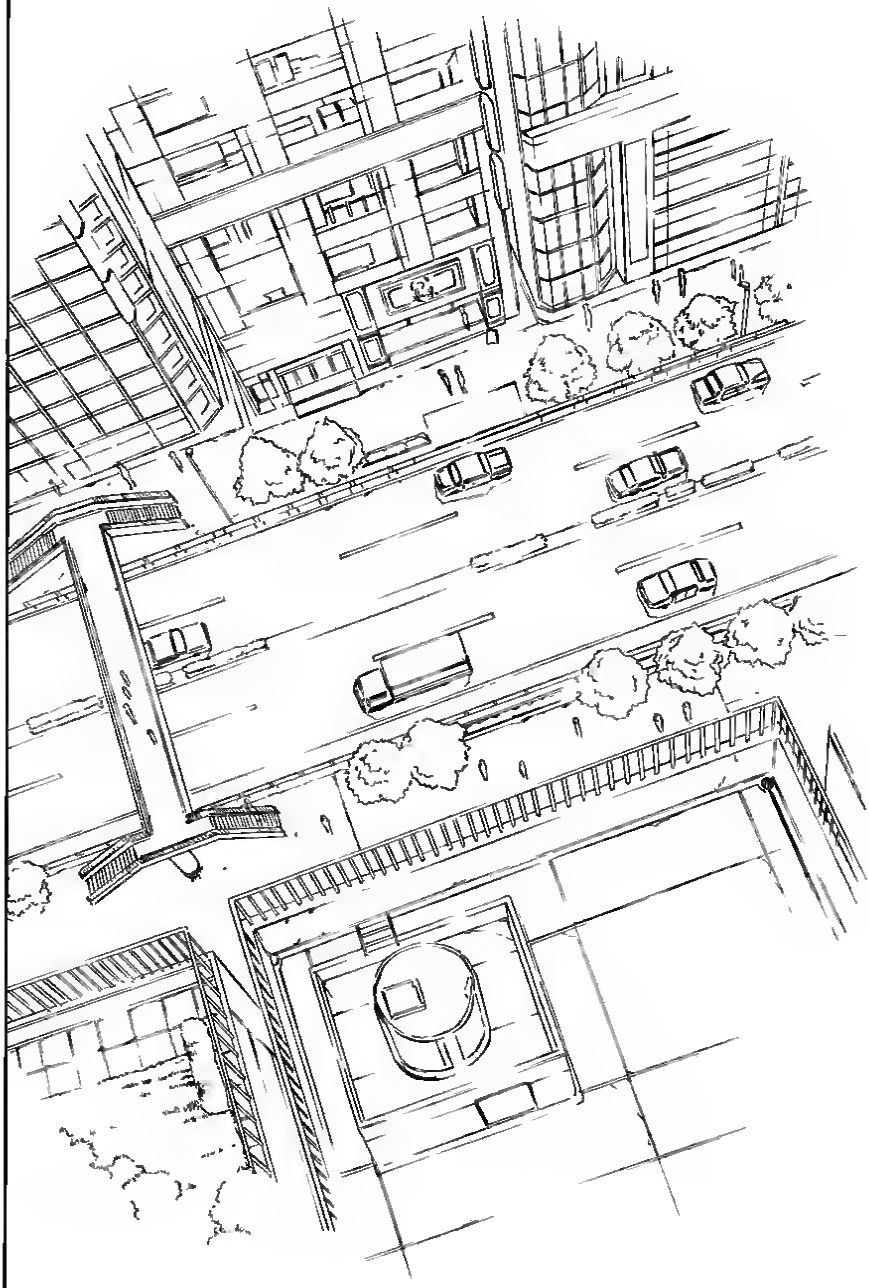
YEP. THEY'RE GONNA BE BACK IN 2007 OR SO
DADDY, THE "FALCONS" YOU MADE ARE GONNA RETURN HERE, RIGHT?
ARE YOU NINOMAE?
SORRY, BUT PLEASE DIE, HUHU
WHO ARE YOU?!

AHHHHHHH
WOAH
...
.....

I REMEMBER NOW, SHE'S THE BOMB DEMON THAT BLEW UP MY PARENTS
YES. SHE WAS AN EXPLOSIVES RESEARCHER WORKING WITH THE FBI

I'LL KILL HER!!
HUH?!
CRAP!! I WENT OVERBOARD WITH THE MEMORY CONTROL!!
PLEASE WAIT A MOMENT, NINOMAE, I THINK TOUMA WILL BE ABLE TO FIND THE ONE WHO DID THE TELE-KINETIC SURGERY, SO RIGHT NOW WE SHOULD JUST USE HER TO...

I CAN'T STAND IT— I'M GONNA DIE—
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
HE NEVER FEEDS ME
I ALWAYS USE CLAMS AND LAMB MEAT
NOW THAT'S A BIT TOO MUCH!!
TIME STOP!!



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YOU SURE LIKE TO NAG A LOT, DONTCHA
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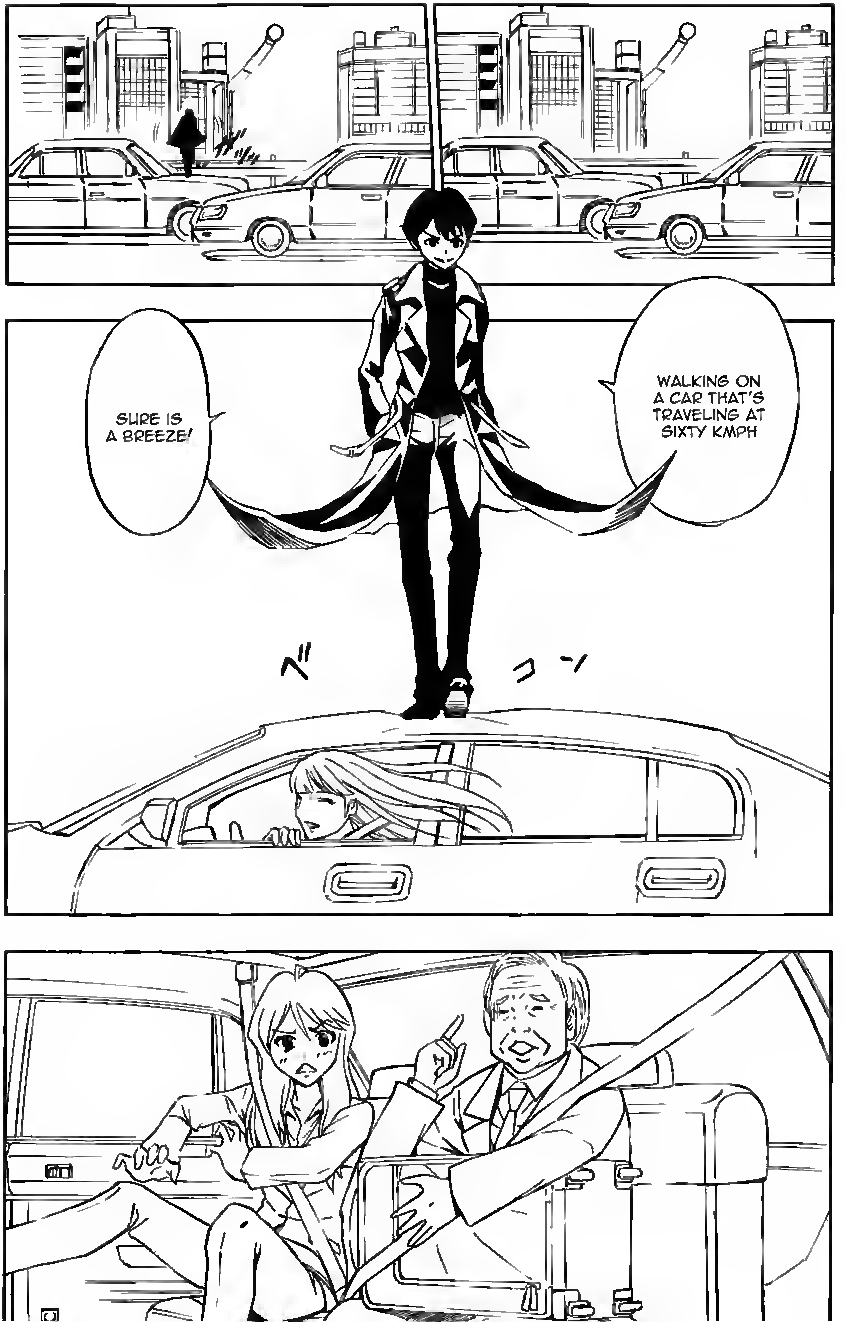
WALKING ON A CAR THAT'S TRAVELING AT SIXTY KMPH
SURE IS A BREEZE!
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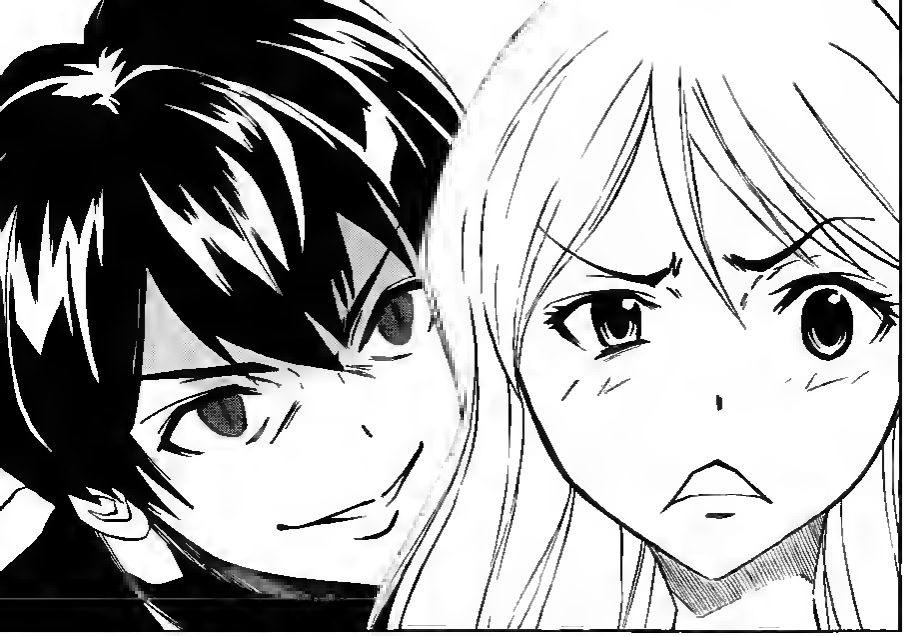

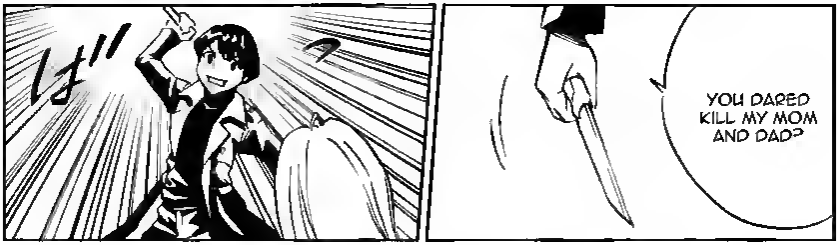
YOU DARED KILL MY MOM AND DAD?

I WANNA MAKE YOU FEEL THE SAME KINDA HORRORS MY PARENTS FELT WHEN THEY DIED!

NINOMAE JUUICHI'S
THREE-MINUTE LECTURE ON KILLING
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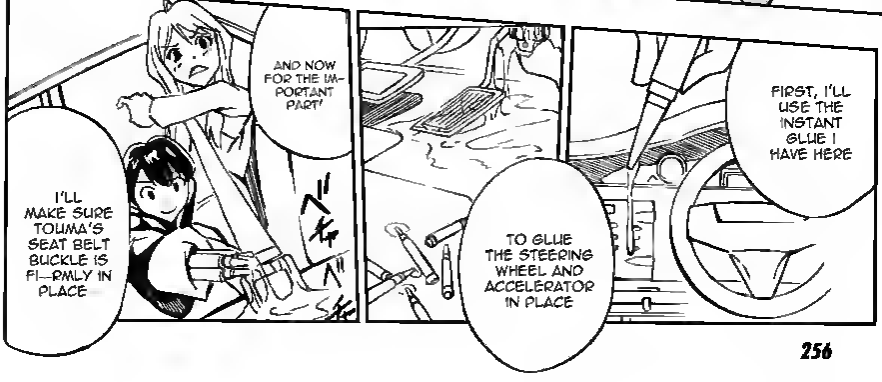
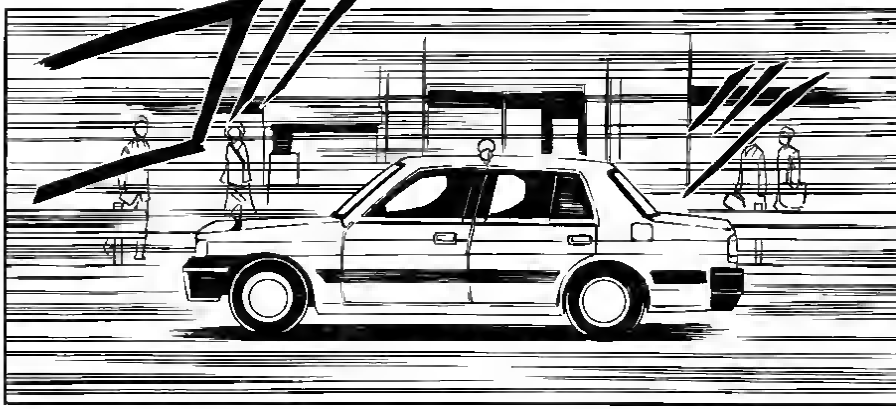
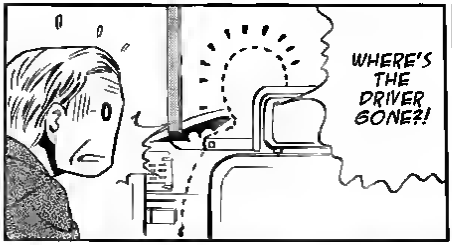
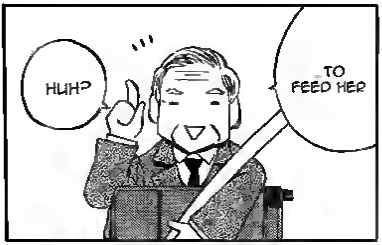

FIRST, I'LL USE THE INSTANT GLUE I HAVE HERE
TO GLUE THE STEERING WHEEL AND ACCELERATOR IN PLACE
AND NOW FOR THE IM-PORTANT PART
I'LL MAKE SURE TOUMA'S SEAT BELT BUCKLE IS FI—RMLY IN PLACE

FINALLY, WITH A SNAP OF MY FINGERS, OFF WE GO!
SAYA ~~!!
DAMN, WHAT THE HECK'S HAPPENING?
!?
UGH
WOAH
WOOOOOAAAAAAAHHHHH
I LET THE DRIVER GET OFF FIRST SINCE HE WAS INNOCENT
Ah Huh?

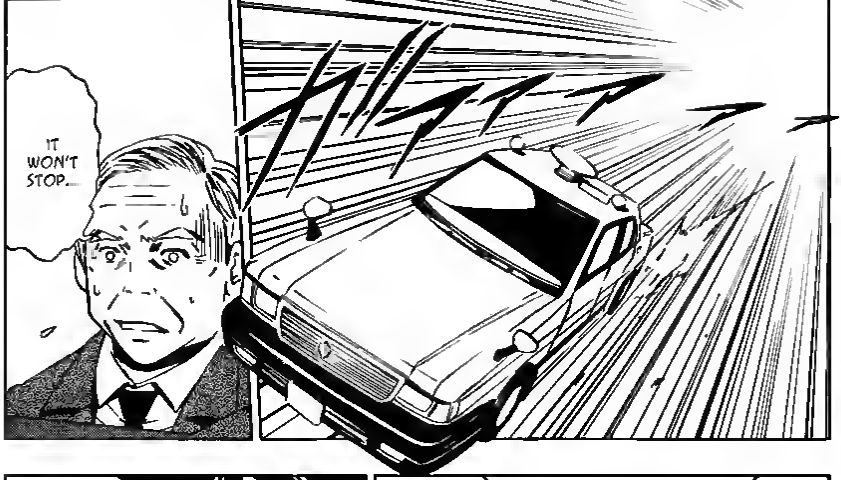


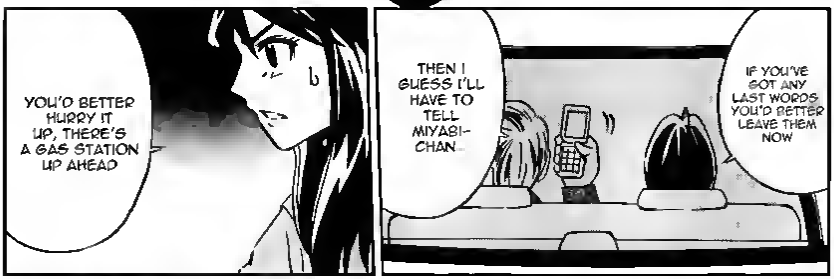

WHERE'S THE DRIVER GONE?!


HUH?
TO FEED HER

SO THEY FINALLY FOUND US, DID THEY!!
DAMN!!
!?

BREAK IT!!!

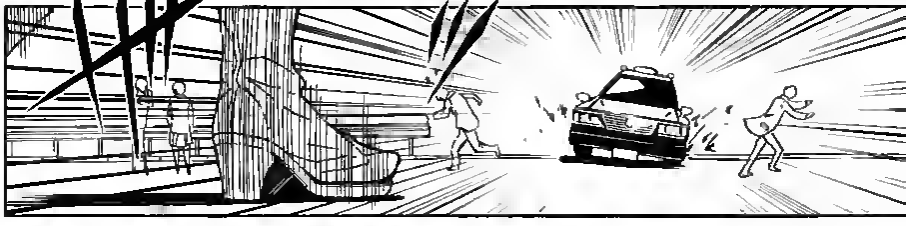

IT WON'T STOP...


YOU'D BETTER HURRY IT UP, THERE'S A GAS STATION UP AHEAD
THEN I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO TELL MIYABI-CHAN...
IF YOU'VE GOT ANY LAST WORDS YOU'D BETTER LEAVE THEM NOW

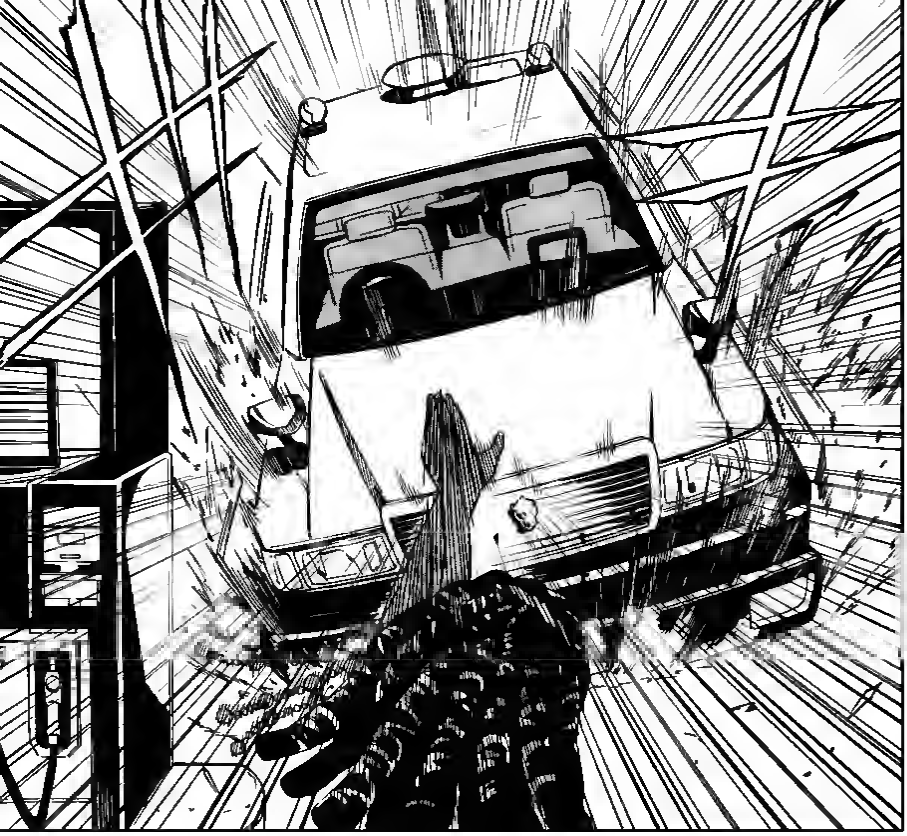
WE'RE GOIN' DOWN REAL SOON!
EEK!!

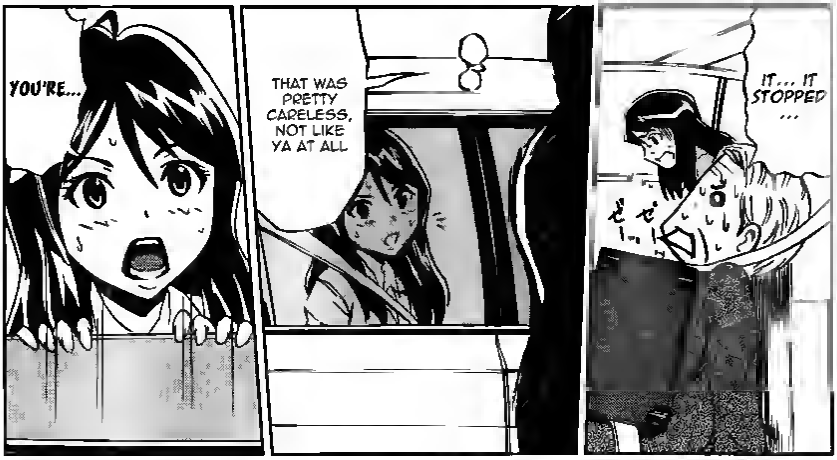
CAN'T REACH IT
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
MIYABI-CHAN'S FIRST GENERATION, SECOND GENERATION, THIRD GENERATION, FOURTH, FIFTH, SIXTH, SEVENTH, EIGHTH, NINTH, TENTH, ELEVENTH, I LOVE YOU ALL!!
I-IT'S GONNA CRASH!!

DIE!!!



"IS IT LOVE~ YES! IS IT LOVE~ YES!"
"IS THIS LOVE~ YES! THIS IS LOVE~"




YOU'RE...
THAT WAS PRETTY CARELESS, NOT LIKE YA AT ALL
IT... IT STOPPED ...
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